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Future dates, times and event information need to be dropped off at the Ground Zero office by the 15th of the month. Thanks.....
Be a patriot !! Join our fight against discrimination. Become a member! Cost is only \$10 !! And membership DOES have its privileges !!

OCTOBER 1, FRIDAY, 8:00PM, MUSICA FEMINA, UNITARIAN CHURCH, 730 North Tejon. Flute Guitar Duo, Tickets: \$7.00 in advance, \$8.00 at the door. Tickets are available at Abaton Books.

OCTOBER 2, SATURDAY, COALITION BUILDING WORKSHOP, Registration 8:00 - 9:00 am in GATES COMMON ROOM located on the top floor of PALMER HALL. 10 GREAT WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER 3, SUNDAY, C.U.R.E. RALLY, MEMORIAL PARK 12:00 NOON - 5:00P.M. GREAT SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

OCTOBER 6, AND EVERY WEDNESDAY THEREAFTER, THE COLORADO SPRINGS DIVERSITY CHORUS practice begins at 7:00PM, in the INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (20th Street and Pikes Peak). COME JOIN THE FUN!

OCTOBER 7, THURSDAY, 8:00PM, DEBATE - Amendment 2: Equal Protection or Special Rights?, Broadmoor International Center. Admission is FREE, but tickets are required. CFV is planning to 'pack the house' so pick your ticket up in the GZ office to reserve a seat. Chuck Greene of the Denver Post will moderate the debate between Pat Steadman, CLIP lawyer; Glenda Russel, Psychologist; and Greg Walta VS Will Perkins and Bob Schuleroot, National Legal Fund.

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OCTOBER 10, SUNDAY, 8:00PM GIRLS NIGHT OUT AND THE RHYTHM METHOD, AT NIGHTINGALES, \$5.00 at the door. Two fantastic singing groups.

OCTOBER 16, SATURDAY, CAROUSEL BALL VIII, the community's biggest single fund-raiser of the year for the Colorado AIDS Project. Call Ray Green at 777-9880 or Dennis Morris at 837-1501 for more information.

OCTOBER 16, SATURDAY THE UNITED COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO CORONATION. See Newsletter for more information.

OCTOBER 22 - 24, 1993 COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY ISSUES CONFERENCE at The Village at Breckenridge. See more details in newsletter.

CLEAR YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER!!! THERE WILL BE A WEEK LONG CELEBRATION. WATCH FOR DETAILS....

1993 Colorado Democratic Party Issues Conference, The Village of Breckenridge, October 22-24, 1993.

MEETING COLORADO'S CHALLENGES

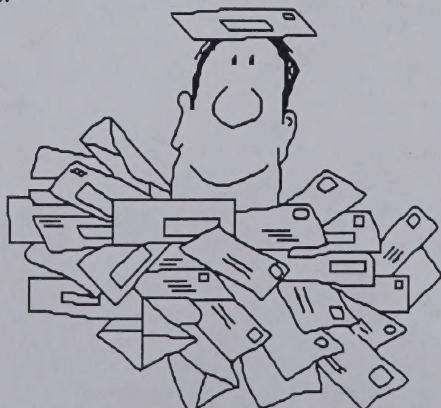
COST: \$65.00 per person - includes Friday evening reception, plus Saturday lunch and dinner (does not include lodging).

For room reservations call The Village at Breckenridge at 1-800-332-0424 or Denver Direct at 303-534-8107. Mention the Democratic Party to receive conference discount.

Make Conference checks payable to Colorado Democratic Party, 770 Grant St. Suite 200, Denver, Co. 80203

Your Newsletter Staff would LOVE to hear from you...

Please drop us a postcard or letter and let us know how we are doing. This is YOUR Newsletter; we want to include articles of interest to you. So let us know what you want to read. You can get in touch through the GZ office. Thanks!



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Controversial Cameron...and Boycott Colorado Responds

STATE TO UNLEASH CAMERON

Discredited Psychologist is Norton's Star Witness

Excerpts for this article taken from *Preferred Stock* Denver Sept. 1-14, 1993.

A man who has called for killing all homosexuals as a "final solution" and who was expelled from the American Psychological Association in 1984 for falsifying his data may be one of the star witnesses for the State of Colorado in the upcoming trial of Amendment 2.

According to court documents released last week, Attorney General Gale Norton plans to call Paul Cameron to testify on behalf of Amendment 2. In addition to listing Cameron as an "expert witness" Norton has listed at least seven of Cameron's anti-gay articles as an exhibit.

Norton states that Cameron "will testify that in his opinion homosexual behavior is a threat to public health, safety and welfare."

In 1984, Cameron said in an Associated Press article that all homosexuals should be put to death. He has also called for the castration and quarantine of homosexuals and has urged physicians to force euthanasia on homosexuals infected with HIV.

In addition to being expelled from the American Psychological Association for falsifying data, Cameron was censured by a federal district court in Texas and barred from practicing psychology in Nebraska, the only state in which he has ever been licensed to practice psychology.

One of the country's most virulent homophobes, Cameron has called homosexuality "a crime against humanity." He has produced many pseudo-scientific pamphlets that claim that gays and lesbians are predisposed to violence, disease, early death and child molestation.

In an article entitled "What Homosexuals Do (It's More Than Merely Disgusting)", Cameron writes, "Gays are an octopus of infection stretching across the world. Fresh, undiluted pathogens are its daily food and excrement."

Cameron has also written, "What homosexuals do is so incredibly stupid, so patently absurd and anti-biological that only a foolish society would take their whimpering about equal rights with heterosexuality."

Cameron has manufactured hundreds of statistics which purport to show that homosexuals are disproportionately likely to spread disease, become violent and molest children. His methodology, however, is wholly unscientific. For example, Cameron claims that lesbians are 29 times more likely to purposely infect a sex partner than heterosexual women are. But his statistic is based on observations of only seven lesbian or bisexual women. And all those women in prison.

Cameron also says that "gerbiling", the alleged practice of inserting a live gerbil into one's anus, is "common" among homosexuals. But the book that he cites to support his claim *Straight Dope* by Cecil Adams - actually says that there has never been a documented case of gerbiling and that the phenomenon is really a myth.

NEWS RELEASE FROM BOYCOTT COLORADO

Boycott Colorado today condemned Atty. General Gale Norton's plan to call Paul Cameron as an expert witness for Colorado in defense of Amendment 2 and pointed to Norton's plan as a reason for strengthening the boycott of Colorado.

"Paul Cameron has called for the mass extermination of homosexuals as a 'final solution' and Gale Norton is endorsing Cameron's position by calling him as an expert witness," said Terry Schleder, president.

"Norton has gone much farther than even Colorado for Family Values in endorsing hatred of gays and lesbians by spending tax-money to promote Cameron's violent lies as truth."

"Gale Norton has made our job much easier. Any convention or business which is considering coming to Colorado needs only be shown the official court position of the state. Their endorsement of Paul Cameron will make any mainstream organization or business run in horror," said Schleder.

In other Amendment 2-related news: a First-amendment watchdog organization, People for the American Way, released a study linking Colorado religious right-wing groups to censorship in Colorado public schools. According to the group, complaints and removal of books and academic materials are at record-high levels in the immediate post-amendment 2 school year. The study cited many cases in Colorado Springs, including a complaint by Colorado for Family Values about a book containing a positive portrayal of gay people.

BCI has been pressured by Colorado tourism and governmental figures, and even some gay & lesbian leaders, to call-off the boycott since Amendment 2 seems near-dead in the city and state courts. BCI points to the above information as evidence that basic human rights of gays & lesbians in Colorado are in constant jeopardy. According to Schleder, "Anyone with a brain can see that Colorado's gay and lesbian community is still under attack, not only by fringe groups like CFV, but by our own Attorney General. Calling off the boycott now, before civil rights are granted to all, would be like digging our own grave."

NEWS RELEASES FROM PEOPLE FOR A STRONGER COLORADO

PRELIMINARY HEARING SET FOR CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS OF CFV

On August 26th, 1993, People for a Stronger Colorado filed a complaint against Colorado for Family Values concerning illegal collection of campaign funds.

CFV responded on September 8 that they did not commit any offense. In their response, CFV denied they were raising funds for any particular issue, however, fund-raising letters clearly showed designated contributions would be used solely for their campaign against the Equal Protection Amendment.

The Secretary of State has referred this measure to an administrative law judge to determine the outcome. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 at 10:00am. The hearing will be held at 1120 Lincoln, Suite 900, Denver.

This hearing is open to the public and media.

On interesting note: At the conference to establish a date and time for the preliminary hearing, CFV did not bother to send a representative. They indicated to the judge's clerk that they would participate by phone, but were "not in the office" when called.

RESPONSE TO THE 9/15/93 AMENDMENT 2 POLL

In response to the Talmey-Drake poll taken on 9/15/93 concerning Amendment 2 and homosexuality, we were not surprised the results.

This poll, as so many in the past, has shown that the voters of Colorado are still very confused about the Amendment 2 issue. According to this poll, at least 52% of the respondents believe the "special rights" myth that was created by Colorado for Family Values.

One point about this poll that should to be mentioned is that almost all the questions relate to people's feelings about homosexuality. There is no way to gage from this poll how voters feel about legalized discrimination. Without that information there is no way to gage voters' attitudes about the real issue of Amendment 2, which is legalized discrimination.

Our petition drive has brought us into contact with tens of thousands of Colorado voters from everywhere in the state. One thing has become very clear to us: the vast majority of Amendment 2 supporters do not understand what Amendment 2 would do if it went into effect. They do not realize that Amendment 2 would not only legalize, but in judicial matters, mandate discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals. It is this lack of information that also leads to confusion about why Amendment 2 is unconstitutional.

SIGNATURE COUNT

We are pleased to announce that the petition drive to place the Equal Protection Amendment on the 1994 ballot has now gathered over 50,000 signatures.

Recent large events as the Taste of Colorado and the Colorado State Fair has helped us attain this level. However, our work is still not finished because our goal is to gather 80,000 signatures to ensure we have 49,279 valid ones that are required to place an initiative on the 1994 ballot.

The Equal Protection Amendment is designed to repeal the unconstitutional and discriminatory Amendment 2 and replace it with protection from discrimination for all Colorado citizens in housing, education, employment and public accommodations.

Due to the high volume of activity expected during the next two months in the petition drive, we will not be releasing any more signature counts until November 5 when we turn the petitions in to the Secretary of State.

PUBLIC FORUM ON THE EQUAL PROTECTION AMENDMENT

During the petition drive to place the Equal Protection Amendment on the 1994 ballot, several questions about the amendment have arisen.

A series of public forums on the EPA will be presented throughout the state of Colorado over the next 6 to 10 months. The first forum will be at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and is sponsored by the Greeley Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance.

The forum will be held at Landau Auditorium on October 4th at 7:30pm. Daniel Brewer-Ward, author of the Equal Protection Amendment will discuss the amendment, and will answer questions from the audience.

For more information and to find when this forum will be coming to your town, call Daniel Brewer-Ward, at 303-355-7530 or Tom Emmet, 303-351-1484.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE FOR A STRONGER COLORADO

There have been many changes for People For a Stronger Colorado in recent months. We have a new office, new phones and now a fax machine.

Mailing Address:

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Denver, Colorado 80201

Telephone Number:

303-355-7530

Fax Number:

303-399-0727 (we share our fax; so be sure to specify it is for P.F.A.S.C.)

"ONE YEAR LATER" CALANDER OF EVENTS

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD!!!!!!

**TO REMEMBER, TO CELEBRATE, TO HONOR
OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER!!**

**DIFFERENT GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS
AROUND COLORADO SPRINGS WILL BE
SPONSORING DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE
WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH
THE 8TH.FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 635-
6086 AND CATCH THE LATEST UPDATE.**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD, 5:30 P.M.

**GROUND ZERO AND LA GUIA HOSTS
NATIONALLY KNOWN DONNA REDWING OF
OREGON AND THE CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION
FROM ACACIA PARK TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH.**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4TH , 6:30 P.M.

**GROUND ZERO AND LA GUIA HOST A NIGHT
OF MUSIC, FOOD, DRINK, AND FUN AT THE FINE
ARTS CENTER , 30 W. DALE ST. TICKETS ARE
\$25 FOR TWO OR \$15 FOR ONE. FABULOUS**

**HOSTS TO BE ANNOUNCED!! 635-6086 FOR
TICKETS.**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

**DIGNITY/SOUTHERN COLORADO WILL
SPONSOR A PRAYER VIGIL AND
COMMEMORATION. TIME AND PLACE TO BE
ANNOUNCED.**

**A FINAL CALENDAR WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY
OCTOBER 25TH. IF ANYONE OR ANY
ORGANIZATION IS INTERESTED IN HAVING AN
EVENT AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE LIST
CALL THE OFFICE AT 635-6086**

DONNA REDWING HERE

"ONE YEAR LATER"

**YOU HAVE AT LEAST 365 REASONS
TO ATTEND THE SUPER VIGIL ON
WEDNESDAY NOV. 3RD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**THAT'S HOW MANY DAYS WE
HAVE STRUGGLED AGAINST
AMENDMENT 2 AND THE THINKING
THAT LEAD TO IT'S PASSAGE.**

**DONNA REDWING, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE LESBIAN
COMMUNITY PROJECT IN
PORTLAND, AND SOON TO BE
TAKING ON HER NEW POSITION AS
NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF
GLAAD/USA WILL BE THE MAIN
SPEAKER OF THE EVENING. HER
WORDS WILL SURELY INSPIRE AND
ENCOURAGE ALL OF US.**

ADVOCATE MAGAZINE'S "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" DONNA REDWING TO SPEAK AT
GROUND ZERO'S CANDLELIGHT VIGIL WEDNESDAY NOV. 3RD

**MEMBERS OF LA GUIA WILL
START OFF THE VIGIL WITH A TALK
ON "LATINA LESBIANS IN THE
UNITED STATES". COME, HEAR, AND
EDUCATE YOURSELF ON THE
STRUGGLES OUR LESBIAN SISTERS
FACE IN SOCIETY TODAY.**

**WE WILL START ASSEMBLING AT
ACACIA PARK AT 5:30 P.M., AT 6:00
WE WILL START THE CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION DOWN TEJON STREET
TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH (20 E. VRIN ST.) WHERE
WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE
EVENINGS AGENDA OF SPEAKERS.**

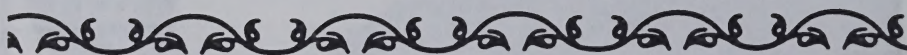
**CALL 635-6086 FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

DONNA REDWING HERE



HEAR DONNA REDWING

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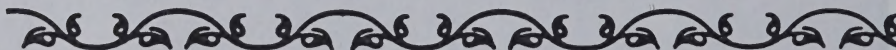


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NEWS RELEASE FROM PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY

The following issues are being focused on by People for the American Way.

1. **November School Board Election** -- There is consensus that Religious Right groups have targeted the 175 local school board elections in November.

2. **Jefferson County Health Education Curriculum** -- Religious Right organizations, led by Barbara Anderson, have attempted to undermine revision of the Jeff Co. 8th grade health curriculum for the past several months. The school board has just delayed indefinitely a planned August vote on the issue.

3. **Standards-based School Reform** -- The Legislature passed standards-based education reform plan similar to those under consideration in most states. These plans are one of the top priorities for Religious Right groups nationally. During the fall, the Department of Education must implement the plan, to include the opportunity for public reaction. We can expect extensive opposition to the program in communities across the state.

4. **Amendment 2** -- Despite the widespread press accounts that the courts will resolve the amendment 2 conflict, we must plan for another ballot battle -- either to repeal Amendment 2 or to defeat a similar measure -- in November, 1994.

5. **Reproductive Choice** -- We expect that there will be numerous anti-choice bills introduced in the next session of the Legislature, and that the Religious Right will make a major push to restrict choice next year.

For more information call 303-938-9961.

UPDATE FROM EQUALITY COLORADO

The following items are current projects being worked on by various Equality Colorado committees:

Colorado Anti-Discrimination Coalition: This project is working on developing a statewide list of businesses who have signed a pledge of non-discrimination and/or have sexual orientation in their non-discrimination statements.

Equality Colorado Neighborhood Committee: This group is working on neighborhood canvassing and working with neighborhood organizations around education and outreach issues.

School Board Election: Research is being done on candidates running for board placement. The Christian Coalition wants to put a trained organizer in every precinct by 2000; that need to be put in check.

If you would like more information, please call 303-839-5540

MARY ANNE'S FOOT-IN-MOUTH ACT. KEVIN SHOULD BE PROUD!

Excerpts taken from the September 13, 1993 article in the *Gazette Telegraph*.

TEBEDO'S REMARKS ABOUT BLACKS TRIGGER ANGER

On Friday, State Senator Mary Anne Tebedo. R-Colorado Springs, defended the comments she made Thursday during a television news story on sex education in high schools. The high incidence of black teen-age pregnancy, she said, shows that black youth are "highly promiscuous" and look at premarital sex with a "laissez faire" attitude that is "simply part of their culture." That's a fact. And though I could have chosen some different wording, I am not apologetic in any way," Tebedo said.

Tebedo's statements came in a KKTU Channel 11 interview in which Tebedo railed against Joycelyn Elders (U.S. Surgeon General) and her stance in favor of condom distribution in schools as a way to decrease teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease.

"The black community particularly, have (sic) a different feeling about being sexually promiscuous," she said in the initial KKTU interview.

Despite the public outrage, Tebedo did not back down Friday: she elaborated on her views. "Look at the statistics on teen-age pregnancy in Colorado and across the nation and you will see that the highest rates are among blacks." ... "I have done extensive research on this and I've talked a lot to my black friends. They tell me that the black community is more at ease with premarital sex; they feel more free to engage in it than white people do. And if we pass out condoms in the schools, that's just a license for them to have even more sex."

Pam Jones, Manitou Springs businesswoman who is also chair of the Colorado springs Black Women's Health Project said she agrees that the statistics on teen-age pregnancy are troubling. But Tebedo's comments, she said, cling to an old stereotype that has little to do with current statistics. "There has always been this idea about black people and promiscuity. It's a very narrow, racist view that has its beginning in slavery."

Page said Tebedo's comments rang of a kind of naiveté and ignorance that one would not expect in a state legislator. "If we do our homework, we'll find that 70 percent of all teen-agers have engaged in sex - that's across the board without respect to race, income level or social position."

(Editor's note: We wonder if Mary Anne's black friends were the same as Will Perkins' gay friends? You remember, his gay friends that said they supported Amendment 2.)

Sound Off...Your Letters....

A MEMBER SPEAKS OUT

Christy's letter originally appeared in *OutFront*, Sep 22, 1993

On Thursday Aug. 26 the Lambda Report aired a panel discussion with several spokespersons from various gay & lesbian organizations. The subject was (Is the gay & lesbian community really a community?) The conversation led to the questions of who do we want to include in the community, and does the gay & lesbian community want to be a community at all?

The speakers from GLCCC and Ground Zero spoke of a unified community with inclusion of all subgroups. That all the gay & lesbian people, subgroups and organizations play an important part in society and the gay & lesbian rights movement. That all groups and backgrounds of the gay & lesbian people belong together and do have a sense of community. Lines should not be drawn separating the community.

The speakers from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and Boycott Colorado seemed to have just the opposite opinion. The Boycott Colorado speaker said we should not be a community because that puts us all in one basket and makes us vulnerable. The Task Force speaker said she was a lesbian and didn't want gay included into her group. Both speakers seemed to think nothing wrong with drawing lines separating the subgroups, since we are not a community and should not be a community.

Recently I have observed the birth of more gay & lesbian subgroups than I thought could possibly exist. Lately, the gay & lesbian community is busy drawing lines of separation within their community. Many of our different groups seem to have a growing intolerance for the other. Like drawing a line in the sand and saying, "You can only cross the line if" Some of us are getting tired of trying to sweep away the lines. The broom handle is becoming cracked and may soon break!

The Black community can accept all of us. The words spoken at the Equal Rights March on Washington, August 28 really made me feel good. The Pagan community has also shown me that they don't care what I am, but who I am. Why is it they can accept all of us as a community, as fellow human beings, and we can't accept ourselves?? WHY WHY WHY!

Diversity is not just gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people. Diversity is the people of this earth, the people of every shape, size, and color. Those who express their inner self as an individual. I see that we all have two choices. We can share the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King and cherish the diversity of our people, or we can continue our present path of segregation, a path of becoming bigots!

I am very grateful to the panel members for taking the time to address this important issue.

Sincerely, Christy Hopping

A LETTER FROM THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS

Dear Friends of the Community,

On October 16th, the United Court of the Rising Sun Empire of Southern Colorado will celebrate its seventeenth year at Coronation '93. The Seventeenth Reign has been very successful this year producing shows, sponsoring activities and raising money that is then donated back to the community through various organizations, including S-CAP, MCC, CGRA, PPGGCC, Pridefest '93, Pikes Peak Hospice and more. As the oldest Gay organization in Colorado Springs, we are very proud of our record. Each year we have many individuals, businesses and organizations to thank. Coronation is the time when we honor the current Monarchs (our leadership) and their staffs, select and welcome the new Monarchs, and get together with the members of Courts from around the country (from Denver to Dallas and California to Kentucky!) to celebrate and say thanks to the many people who have helped contribute to our success.

In the climate of Amendment Two, we hope to make this year's Coronation as big and bright as possible. We have a very wonderful evening planned, and would like to invite you to celebrate with us. For more information call John Roberts 719-685-5509 or Chris Jones 719-630-7294.

Emperor Bruce Littrell

Empress Tammi Lynn Noel

A Letter To The Editor of the *Gazette Telegraph*:

Dear Editor:

Pat Buchanan proves himself time and again to be the arch-deacon of the Religious Right. His statements at the Christian Coalition, however, qualify him for the honorary ADOLPH award presented by the Grand Wiz of the Ku Klux Klan.

Buchanan decried multiculturalism as "an across-the-board assault on our Anglo-American heritage. ...Our civilization, he said, is superior to others. And our culture is superior to other cultures...because our religion is Christianity, and that is the truth that makes man free..." (GT, Sunday, Sept. 12, 1993, P. A6.)

Is any one catching this abundance of racial and cultural garbage that flows freely from the bowels of the Militant Right and fundamentalism? Does anyone see the dangerous parallels between this type of statement and statements made by Hitler and the segregationists of America and south Africa? Do we want an America filled with so much hate, much like that as found in south Africa and Bosnia, where peace may never come?

Buchanan declared a cultural war at the Republican convention. Whether a war or not, there is a struggle on and it is for the soul of a nation -- a soul that must be kept free from the likes of cultural (substitute freely the word racial) supremacists such as Pat Buchanan.

Sincerely, -

Frank Whitworth

THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT SADDLES UP A TROJAN HORSE

Excerpts taken from the September 13, 1993, *Business Week*, by Richard S. Dunham.

Ralph Reed saw the light just after Bill Clinton took office. The executive director of the Christian Coalition had commissioned a poll on what issues were most important to church-going voters. It turned out that they like other Americans, worried about the economy, taxes and education. Religious right hot buttons were way down the list, with abortion ranking 8th and gay rights a distant 12th.

Reed realized that his Virginia Beach (Va.) organization, the political arm of religious broadcaster Pat Robertson's movement, had to change if it was to progress from faction to political powerhouse. "Our message has been directed too long at our donor base and not at the public," Reed concedes

The result has been a rhetorical transformation on the GOP's right flank. Christian conservatives are soft-pedaling divisive social issues and pressing a broader agenda concerned less with "family values" than the economic needs of families. Top priorities include bigger tax breaks for families with children, opposition to all new taxes, and vouchers parents could use to pay for religious or other private schools. As Republican consultant Carol Whitney puts it: "The easiest way to a person's heart is through their wallet."

A shift to economic populism gives the Christian Coalition much broader appeal. "The religious right sees that the economic message worked for the Democrats," says Democratic media consultant Dawn Laguens. "Even though (fundamentalists) have been portrayed as wacky and kooky, people in the political center are saying, 'Talk about things important to my life and I will listen.'"

The most visible example of the Christian Coalition's new emphasis was its role in this year's budget fight. The group fought hardest against Clinton's tax increases, not his support for gays in the military or even funding of abortions.

"What they're doing is very astute," says conservative Republican operative Greg Mueller. "They're expanding their tent without sacrificing their principles." Critics complain that the leopard hasn't changed its spots, dismissing the religious right's metamorphosis as an attempt to hid hard-line social positions. "It's clearly a tactic to make them more acceptable to voters," says moderate GOP consultant Whitney. "Most people don't want religious groups running things."

Reed insists that the fundamentalist Christian polls will never abandon their tenacious opposition to abortion, gay rights, and sex education. But don't be surprised to hear more about health care and middle-class tax cuts than condoms and obscene art. As the religious right is learning, you can't save souls unless you first save jobs.

Think your friends might be missing something? They Are! Why not share this copy of the Ground Zero Newsletter with your friends, and let them fill out the membership form below to start receiving ALL the Ground Zero information, ALL the time.

Yes, I want to join Ground Zero in its fight against "2". Enclosed is \$_____.
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Please, mark one of the following:

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